

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Bureau of Sanitation
Bureau of Street Services
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June 2, 2014

CD:

AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE RIVER PROJECT FOR WATER LA PARKWAY RETROFITS

RECOMMENDATIONS

Approve the attached MOU with its transmittal and authorize the Director of the Bureau of Sanitation to enter the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Los Angeles (City) and The River Project (TRP) for the Water LA Parkway Retrofits (Project).

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Funds are available from the Bureau of Street Services, Fund No. 100/86, Account No. 003040, there is no impact to the City's General Fund.

TRANSMITTAL

Copy of the MOU between the City and The River Project.

DISCUSSION

The Purpose of the MOU is to establish an agreement between the City and The River Project (TRP) to complete the requirements of a mandated Settlement Agreement between the City and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Board (RWQCB). The RWQCB imposed an enforcement penalty of \$90,000 against the City for performing grading work outside of what was authorized in an Emergency Permit issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Bureau of Street Services had to perform this work in the Spring of 2010 in order to reopen a section of Oro Vista Avenue, which is the only ingress and egress to the Riverwood Ranch development in the Sunland-Tujunga area. The RWQCB agreed to offset up to \$41,250 of this amount to be put towards a qualifying Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP).

The Department of Public Works proposes to contribute the SEP amount (\$41,250) to the River Project (TRP) as the implementing Party, for the Water LA Parkway Retrofit Project (SEP or Project), which is located in the Los Angeles River Watershed. This MOU is being expedited as a pre-requisite to RWQCB's approval of the Settlement agreement.

The Water LA Parkway Retrofit Project (SEP or Project), is an ongoing project funded by the State Coastal Conservancy and located within the Los Angeles River Watershed called "The Los Angeles Rainwater Harvesting Project," (aka "Water LA").

The scope of the SEP project extends the ongoing project by up to 23 parkways listed in the MOU and within the public right of way where The River Project has developed plans for 6 (six) residential Low Impact Development strategies (rain gardens, rain barrels, parkway retrofits, greywater systems, infiltration trenches, and impervious surface reduction) that can be useful for single and multi-family property homeowners. A pilot sub-watershed area in Panorama City will be monitored for water quality and water quantity using monitoring stations in the adjacent Woodman Avenue Median Retrofit, to which it drains, and monitoring of these projects will be included with project reporting.

Approvals by the RWQCB for work proposed by the implementing Party to satisfy the settlement agreement are required for project acceptance and payment by the City.

Through the project, public awareness and education will be elevated regarding reduction of pollutants such as bacteria, metals, oil and grease that impair beneficial uses of receiving water bodies. The primary tools for reducing runoff pollution must be low cost and easy to implement in order to promote more widespread use for water conservation and water quality benefits. Development of more standardized BMPs (Best Management Practices) will be informed by this project and implementation at a broader scale will assist the City in achieving its water quality goals. The project proponents are proposing to improve upon established lessons and practices from other arid regions and to pilot test these as standards for the Los Angeles Region.

The Project will further assist in the implementation of the Tujunga/Pacoima Watershed Management Plan as developed by the Implementing agency, to support the water quality and conservation goals of the Los Angeles River region.

The total estimated cost of the Project is approximately \$42,000.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

The key phases of the Project and the corresponding required dates of completion are:

1. Design – December 2012
2. Construction – May and June 2014
3. Monitoring – May 2016
4. Interim Project Report – June 2015
5. Final Monitoring Report – June 2016

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PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

The MOU will be administered by WPD of LA Sanitation.

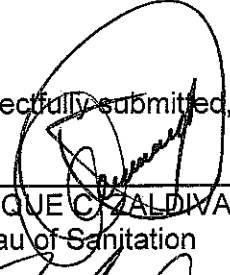
APPROVAL AS TO FORM

The MOU has been reviewed by Mr. Ted Jordan, Assistant City Attorney, of the City Attorney's Office and has been approved as to form.

STATUS OF FINANCING

Funds in the amount of \$41,250 are available from Bureau of Street Services FY 13-14 budget, Fund No. 100/86, Account No. 003040, titled "Contractual Services."

Respectfully submitted,

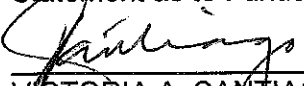


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